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SUBJECT: DUTCH CONTRIBUTION TO UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL
(UNFDAC)

REF: (A) THE HAGUE 3081, (B) GENEVA 5109

1. ON JULY 22 DCM ACCOMPANIED BY E/C COUNSELOR AGAIN
RAISED SUBJECT OF GON CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC WITH
DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION VAN GORKOM
AND HIS ASSISTANT SCHLINGEMANN. VAN GORKOM STATED GON
HAD DECIDED TO MAKE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION VIA UNDP
OF 1,250,000 GUILDERS (ABOUT \$521,000) TO UNFDAC FOR
OPIUM CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECT IN AFGHANISTAN, TOGETHER
WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP FOR
INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN AFGHANISTAN
TO WHICH UNFDAC PROJECT WAS DIRECTLY LINKED. HE
EXPLAINED THAT GON DESIRED TO EMPHASIZE ITS CONVICTION
THAT UNFDAC PROJECT MUST BE LINKED WITHBROADER
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR REASONS OF EFFECTIVENESS.

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HOWEVER, DUTCH BELIEVED UNFDAC COULD SHOW IN ITS
BUDGET WITH APPROPRIATE FOOTNOTE THAT GON HAS CON-
TRIBUTED 1,250,000 GUILDERS TO SPECIFIC UNFDAC
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT VIA UNDP AND THAT THESE FUNDS
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE
TO UNFDAC. HE ADDED THAT UNFDAC DIRECTOR DE BEUS
THOUGHT HE WOULD GET UNDP TO AGREE TO HANDLING MATTER IN

THIS WAY, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE STRONGLY PREFERRED
DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC AND HAD TOLD DUTCH SO.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHY GON WAS SO MUCH AGAINST
MAKING DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT
OF RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SWEDEN AND NORWAY,
VAN GORKOM SAID THAT GON'S RESERVATIONS AROSE FROM
FACT THAT UNFDAC DIRECTOR AND PROGRAMS ARE INDEPENDENT OF
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL, AND DUTCH CONSIDERED
ESSENTIAL POLICY GUIDANCE DIRECTION WAS LACKING. HIS
OWN VIEW WAS THAT SEPARATE FUNDS WERE UNDESIRABLE IN
PRINCIPLE, AND HE REFERRED TO RELATIONSHIP OF WORLD
POPULATION FUND TO UNDP AS EXAMPLE OF PREFERRED
ORGANIZATION. HE SEEMED TO SEE NO REASON FOR INDE-
PENDENT UNFDAC AND SUGGESTED PRESENT SET UP WAS
EXCEPTION TO USUAL AMERICAN PREFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MINISTRIES
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
PREFER TO KEEP GON DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS (THE SOURCE
OF GON CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE VIA UNDP TO UNFDAC)
FOR WHICH THEY ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE CHanneled TO OR
AT LEAST THROUGH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO PREVENT
RAIDS BY OTHER MINISTRIES ON DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS. AS
VAN GORKOM PUT IT, IF MINISTRIES OF JUSTICE, PUBLIC
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, OR CULTURE WANT TO SUPPORT
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NARCOTICS-RELATED PROJECTS ABROAD, THEY SHOULD
LOOK TO THEIR OWN BUDGETS FOR SUCH FUNDING.

4. WHILE WE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED FROM UNFDAC DIRECTOR
DE BEUS, WHO IS VISITING THE HGUE, THAT UNFDAC RECEIVES SOME
GUIDANCE FROM UN NARCOTICS COMMISSION, AS WELL
AS FROM UN SECRETARY GENERAL, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DEPARTMENT'S
GUIDANCE AS BASIS FOR CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH GON.
FOR EXAMPLE, HOW DOES UNFDAC CURRENTLY RECEIVE
POLICY GUIDANCE; IS THERE POSSIBILITY THAT UNFDAC MIGHT
BE PLACED UNDER SOME FORM OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL
SUCH AS THAT PROVIDED BY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; AND HOW
ARE PROJECT PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED? IT WOULD ALSO BE
HELPFUL TO KNOW MORE ABOUT UNFDAC'S ORIGIN AS
SEPARATE FUND.
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